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January 14th, 1918

Dean F. D. Adams, F.R.S.,

McGill University,

Montreal.

Dear Dean Adams:

Many thanks for President Tory's article which I had already seen in the "University Magazine".

With best wishes for the New Year to Mrs. Adams and yourself,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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January 24th, 1918

Dean Frank C. Adams, F.R.S.,

Care York Club, Toronto.

Dear Dean Adams:

Will you have lunch with me at the York Club on Saturday at half past one ? We can then have time to ourselves and talk over matters in which we are mutually interested.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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MONTREAL April 1st.1918.

Sir Robert A. Falconer, C.M.G., Ma., LL.D.,
President,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO, ONT.

Dear Sir Robert,

I am requested by the Executive of the Conference of Canadian Universities to inform you that following the suggestion made at the last meeting the Conference of Canadian Universities will this year be held at the Chateau Laurier in the City of Ottawa on May 23rd. and 24th.

The Royal Society of Canada meets in Ottawa on May 21st. 22nd. and 23rd.

It is expected that a joint luncheon for the Royal Society and the Conference of Canadian Universities will be arranged on Thursday, May 23rd., at 1 p.m.

I am enclosing an account for the amount of the assessment due from your University for this meeting under the rule passed at the last Conference. I have to request that you will be good enough to have a cheque for this amount sent to me as soon as convenient.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank D. Adams

Secretary-Treasurer,
5th. Conference of Canadian Universities.

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MONTREAL April 5th.1918.

Sir Robert A. Falconer, C.M.G., M.A., LL.D.,
President,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO, ONT.

Dear Sir Robert,

When Dr. Tory left to undertake the organization of the "Khaki University" in London, he communicated with the Presidents of the several Universities and the Secretaries of Education of the various Provinces requesting that they would have certain forms which he supplied to them filled out so as to show the names and rank of all the men who had enlisted for active service overseas from the universities, colleges and high schools of the various Provinces. Dr. Tory at the time of his departure had already received some of these returns, while others have since been coming to him addressed to my care.

We have now received the returns from all the English speaking universities except the University of Toronto, and from all the schools except those of the Province of Ontario. In a letter which I received from Dr. Tory under date Feby. 25th. he requested me to write to the National Y.M.C.A.Committee at 120 Bay St.,Toronto, asking if they had succeeded in getting the permission of Dr. Seath to send out to the high schools of the Province applications for information. Dr. Tory remarks that it is very important that this information with reference to those men who have enlisted in Ontario should be forwarded to him. He requested me if this step had not been taken to write to you and ask you to see Dr. Seath, and if necessary have

some additional forms printed for the high schools of Ontario on which could be recorded the information from the High School Masters as to the students who had left Ontario of a high school age.

I wrote to the Chairman of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. on March 13th. and received from him under date March 16th. a letter stating that he was making enquiry with regard to the forms to which I referred and that he would write to me when he got the desired information. I have, however, received no further communication from him , and I am now taking the liberty of asking that you will have the forms for the University of Toronto filled out and forwarded to me, and I would also request that you will see Dr. Seath, as Dr. Tory suggests, and see that the necessary steps are taken to secure the information which is required in connection with the collegiate institutes and high schools of the Province.

In making these returns I would suggest that duplicate forms be forwarded to me, seeing that it seems advisable to keep one set of forms here when posting the other to Dr. Tory, since a very considerable amount of labor is entailed in making up the forms and should the ship be torpedoed and the mails lost it would be necessary to repeat the whole work of compilation. With duplicate forms, however, we can ensure the safe transmission to Dr. Tory even should such an accident happen.

When I last had the pleasure of seeing you in Toronto we discussed the possibility of making arrangements whereby the Graduate Schools of the University of Toronto and McGill University might be open to any student wishing to follow graduate courses of instruction

April 6th, 1918

Dean F. D. Adams,

Faculty of Applied Science,

McGill University, Montreal.

Dear Dean Adams:

I have asked the Bursar to send you a cheque for fifty dollars in payment of the assessment from our University for the Conference of Universities of the Dominion.

The days spent for the Conference suit us quite well and I am glad that a joint luncheon is being arranged this year. Our dinner last year was a great success.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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April 8th, 1918

Dean Frank Adams, F.R.S., LL.D.,

Faculty of Applied Science,

McGill University, Montreal.

Dear Dean Adams:

Mr. Bretner tells me that he sent you the list last Saturday from Toronto, and I hope you will have it by this time. He is sending it in duplicate.

I will see the Registrar of the Department of Education about the possibility of having returns made from the Schools of Ontario.

With regard to the interchange of arrangements, I took this up with our Committee, and they are very glad to co-operate with McGill, but they felt that it would not be wise to put anything in the Calendar which would signify exclusive relations with McGill. We have put in a special clause stating that the University will undertake to facilitate arrangements whereby a graduate student may be given the opportunity of taking a part of his graduate work in another Canadian University. That is a practical step which I think is in the right direction. We considered the matter long and carefully, but as I said before found it very difficult by putting in anything special into our Calendar to avoid the charge of reflection against some other University.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President

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April 18th, 1918

My dear Dean Adams:

I have just heard from the Secretary of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. that they have done nothing towards carrying out the request of Dr. Tory to have applications sent to the High Schools of the Province of Ontario.

As I wrote you I myself have seen the Department of Education and they are willing to do what should be done.

A letter from you on behalf of Dr. Tory to the National Council might help matters forward.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Dean F. C. Adams,

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MONTREAL May 27th.1918.

IMMEDIATE.

Sir Robert A. Falconer, C.M.G.,M.A.,LL.D.,
President,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO, ONT.

Dear Sir Robert,

I am leaving Montreal with Colonel Birks and the other members of our party on Friday or Saturday of this week to take up work in connection with the Khaki University for Canadian Soldiers Overseas. Colonel Birks has just informed me that I should have from you, as Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Khaki University in Canada, a letter stating that I am going to England on the staff of the University, and that my work will consist in part in lecturing to the students of the Khaki University. This letter Colonel Birks thinks will be required in the first place at New York to explain why I am taking over a considerable amount of typewritten and manuscript matter in the form of lecture notes,etc. I understand that the examiners are very critical about any written matter, and that a letter of this kind would be necessary to explain my status and why I am taking over material of this nature.

Colonel Birks also received from Dr. Tory this morning a cable asking him to make an appointment with the Prime-Minister to address the opening meeting of the Khaki University at some date in the immediate future, and asking at the same time that the Canadian Universities present a Canadian flag to be used in the decoration of the building on the occasion of this event. It is, of course, impossible for us at the present time to make arrangements with

reference to the Prime-Minister, but Colonel Birks has asked me whether if he were to buy the Canadian flag and take it over he might present it as a gift from the Canadian Universities to the Khaki University for Canadian Soldiers. I told him that I was writing to you and would ask you whether you think it appropriate for this action to be taken. There is not sufficient time for us to consult the various Canadian Universities in connection with this, even if the matter were one which were sufficiently important to be referred to them severally. If you approve we will get the flag and take it as a gift from the Universities of Canada.

Seeing that I am leaving so soon I shall be very glad if you will be good enough to reply to this letter at your earliest convenience.

Looking forward to meeting you in London in August, if not before,

I remain, Dear Sir Robert,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank D. Adams

May 29th, 1918

Dean F. D. Adams, F.R.S.,

McGill University,

Montreal.

My dear Dr. Adams:

On my return this morning to my office I find your letter and of course if any letter from me will be of service to you I am glad to send it as enclosed.

I do not think that it would be very appropriate for us to send a flag from the Canadian Universities to the Khaki University. None of us really has authority to send it and I am very doubtful as to its advisabilityy.

I hope that you will have a pleasant trip across and that you will find when you arrive on the other side that the present terrible offensive has again spent itself.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

May 29th, 1918

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This certifies that Professor Frank D. Adams, F.R.S., LL.D., Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science of McGill University, is leaving for England to join the staff of the Khaki University of Canada in England, which is connected with the Canadian Army in England. Dean Adams is to deliver a series of lectures to the soldiers in the classes and for this purpose is taking a considerabl amount of typewritten manuscript matter with his which he will need to use in his work in England. The great importance of the work that he is undertaking will I hope relieve him from any inconvenience in regard to having his papers taken to England with him.

Chairman, Advisory Board
of the Khaki University of Canada.